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The Public Library Building at Walpole.

The New High School, Common Street, Walpole.

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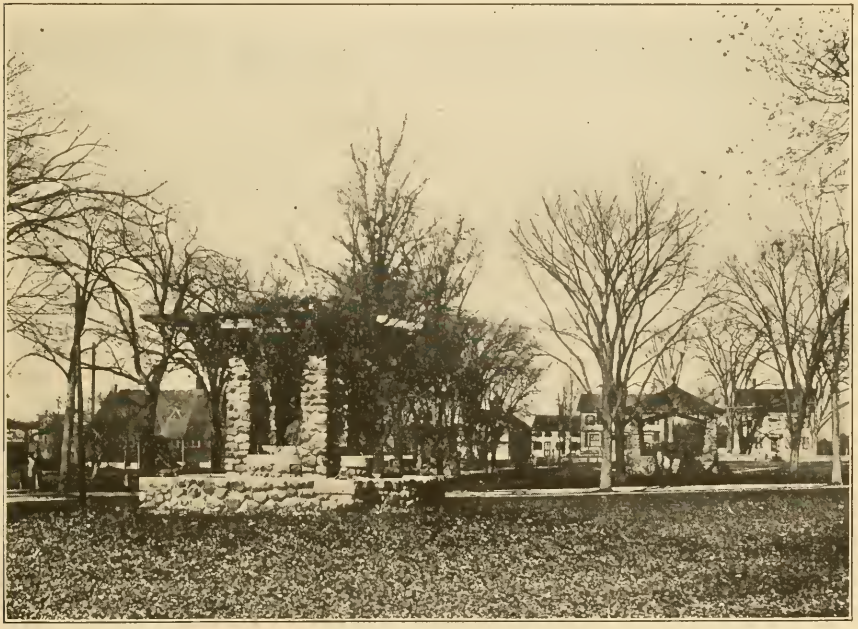
The Town of Walpole

THEN, as now, an exceedingly pleasant land, the territory of the present Town of Walpole early invited occupancy by the enterprising white men of the Colony. The early records indicate that these came to the neighborhood from Dedham in 1647 and for many years thereafter Walpole was a part of the older town; but in 1724 it was duly incorporated. Sir Robert Walpole of the mother country achieved his high position as Chancellor of the Exchequer nine years earlier and doubtless his then prominence led to the choice of his name as that of the newly incorporated town.

Walpole now occupies an area of twenty-one and six-tenths square miles a little west of the center of Norfolk County. The census of 1905 shows that in the decade then ending the population increased by nearly thirty-four per cent. This population is now estimated to be a little over four thousand. The legal voters number over eight hundred and the assessed valuation as of May, 1909, was $4,375,630.00.

Walpole is on the Midland Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, nineteen miles by rail southwest of Boston. There are nine trains out from Bos-



The Fountain and Band Stand on the Common.

Bird Hall, East Walpole, Contains Post Office, Stores and a Large Meeting Room.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South Walpole.

ton daily and ten in from Walpole; on Sundays, six in each direction. The single fare is forty cents while five ride tickets cost $1.60; fifty, $12.50, and the average running time is fifty-one minutes. Plimptonville is a station on this same road while Walpole is also on the branch road from Lowell to New Bedford. East Walpole, eighteen miles from Boston, Walpole Heights, twenty miles and Walpole Junction, twenty-two miles, are stations on the Wrentham Branch of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Between East Walpole and Walpole Heights and Boston there are six trains daily in each direction and two on Sundays. The single fare to East Walpole is thirty-five cents, to Walpole Heights, forty cents and five rides cost $1.60; fifty rides, $11.00. The different villages are connected by electric railways as the town is connected with Norwood, Dedham and so again with Boston; with Canton, Sharon and Stoughton and with Foxboro and Mansfield.

The Town Hall, Walpole.

The accessibility of Walpole and inter-communication are further promoted by the good roads which lead to the town or traverse it in many directions while these roads are so well maintained that they give opportunity for pleasant drives in attractive scenic surroundings.

Within the town are presented the conveniences and utilities essential to comfortable living or the economical conduct of manufacturing operations. Water of excellent quality is supplied by the town in abundant quantity. The water itself comes from forty driven wells, whence it is pumped by adequate machinery to three stand-pipes. There are some twenty miles of street mains and the water is generally available. Indeed about three-quarters of the population use the water. At the fire hydrants, of which there are over one hundred

Representing the Many Pleasant Homes on Common Street.

The Episcopal Church at Walpole.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, Walpole.

On Lewis Avenue, a Street of Attractive Dwellings.

The Unitarian Church, Walpole.

and fifty, a pressure of eighty or ninety pounds is secured. The fire department is efficient and the apparatus consists of one hook and ladder truck and one combination chemical and hose wagon at Walpole; one hook and ladder truck and one hose wagon at East Walpole; one hose reel and one chemical wagon at South Walpole.

There are nineteen public schools including the High School and while the educational opportunities afforded are thoroughly satisfactory, the physical well being of the pupils receives the continual attention of the school authorities. There are eight school buildings and of these the high school is of recent construction, modern in arrangement and equipment.

The District Court of Western Norfolk holds its criminal sessions three days weekly at Walpole and civil sessions on Wednesdays.

The streets of Walpole are lighted by electricity until one o'clock on other than moonlighted nights by The Edison Electric Illuminating Company. This Company also furnishes electricity for the illumination of residential or commercial structures, as well as for power, at its standard rates as established throughout the thirty-three cities and towns it supplies with the electric current. The service of the Company is continuous during every hour of every day in the year.

The Public Library occupies a notably handsome building near the Common in Walpole, while a branch library is maintained at East Walpole in the house of the Wednesday Club. The library was founded in 1876 and its collection of books and periodicals is properly comprehensive while due use is made of the circulating privileges and of the reading room.

There are Congregational, Unitarian, Roman Catholic, Methodist Episcopal and Episcopal churches at Walpole; Congregational at East Walpole and Methodist Episcopal at South Walpole.

The Roman Catholic Church, Walpole.

Works of the Massachusetts Chemical Company.

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The Factory of F. W. Bird & Son, East Walpole.

Paper Mill of Hollingsworth & Vose, East Walpole.

There are stores for the supply of usual needs and in Bird Hall at East Walpole, with its clock installed in memory of F. W. Bird and through the efforts of the F. W. Bird Memorial Association, are stores, the post office and a large meeting place with stage and scenery.

The Congregational Church, Walpole.

Social pleasures are promoted or intellectual diversion afforded by the various church and fraternal organizations and by the Walpole Club, a social organization composed of business men and with the commercial improvement of the town as one of its aims; by the Riverside Men's Club and the Walpole Men's Club, both social in their objects, but both providing lectures from time to time for their members and the public; by the Walpole Women's Club, a literary society of over one hundred members, and by the Wednesday Club of East Walpole. This latter is a woman's club but men are eligible as associate members and besides its social aims it helps the schools by providing them with pictures and decorations and establishes or encourages kindergartens. In many ways, indeed, this Wednesday Club is active in measures to promote the social and general welfare of the town. Opportunities for out-door recreation are afforded by the athletic field, with space for ball games on the High School grounds; by the Walpole Athletic Association, with its baseball games on Cobb's Field; by the Walpole Athletic Club, with football games on the same field; by the Walpole Tennis Club, with its courts at Common Street and Clark Avenue; by the East Walpole Tennis Club and at Paroid Park, a very pretty place of five acres provided by C. S. Bird, Esq., and having as well as shrubbery, trees and flowering plants, tennis courts and a winter skating pond.

While these advantages, together with its beauty of scene and diversified topography, make Walpole admirable as a place for

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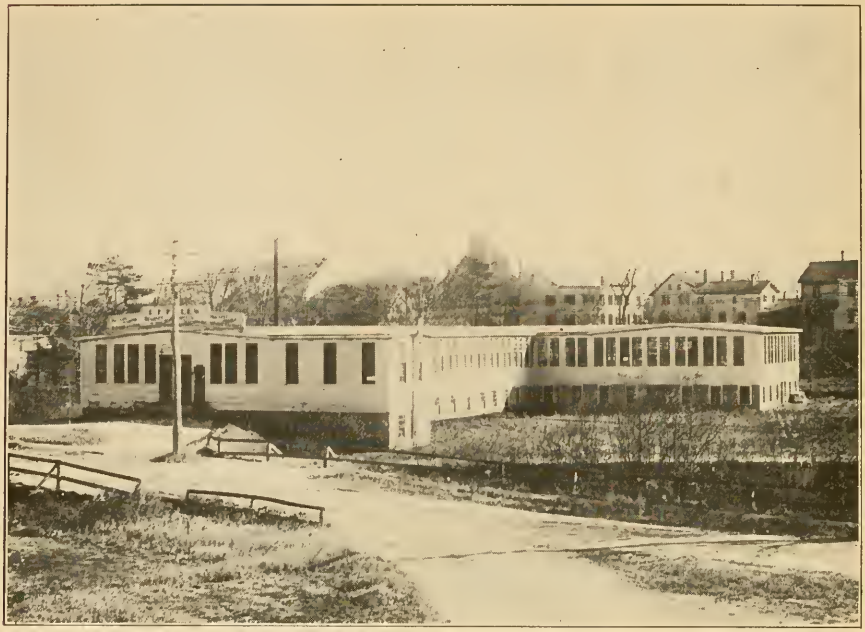
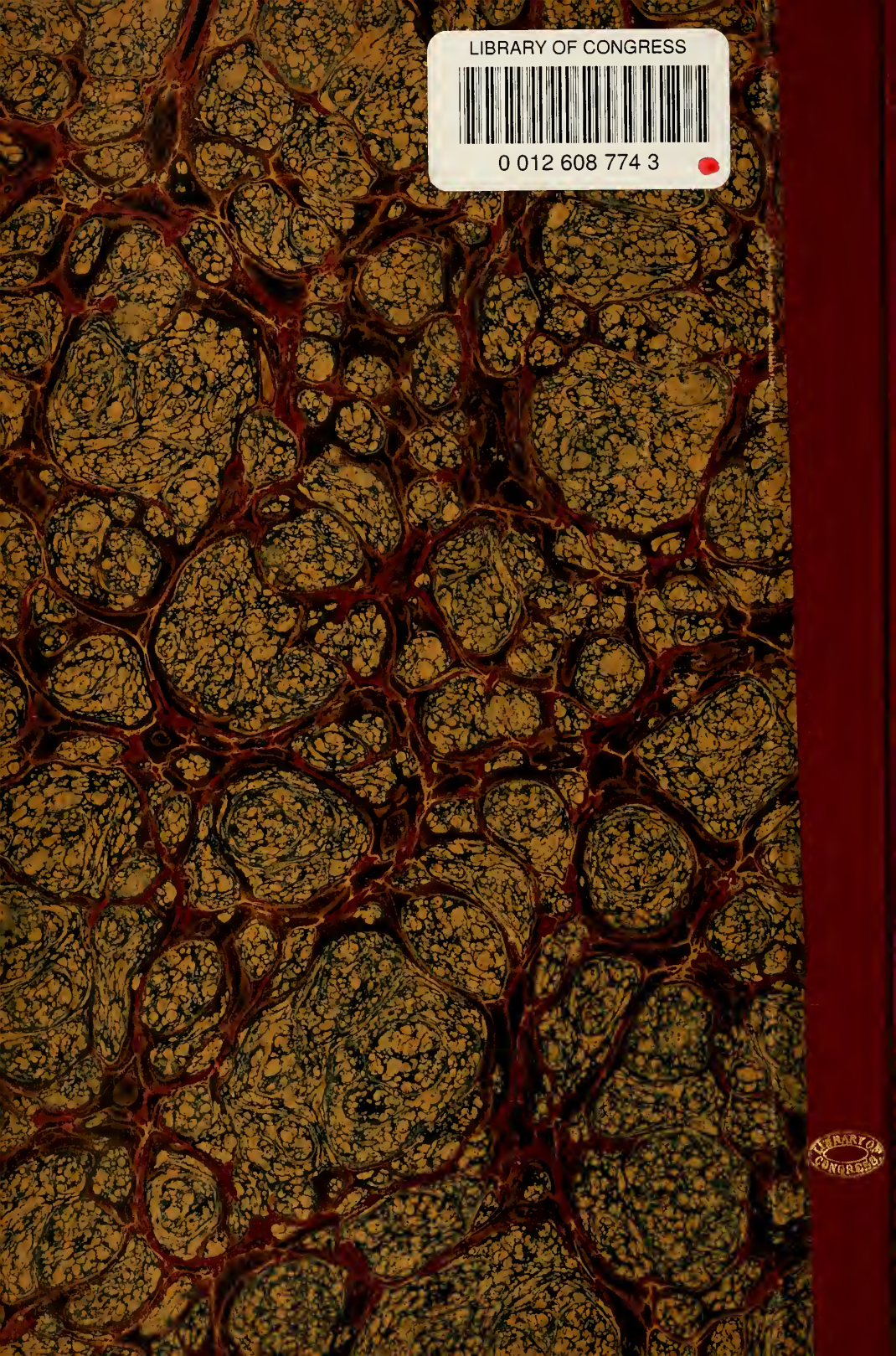


Machine Works of L. F. Fales, Walpole.

comfortable and attractive satisfactory homes it is no less well adapted as a locality for manufacturing operations.

Among the industries in Walpole are S. Gray Company, bleaching and dyeing leather; the Massachusetts Chemical Company, makers of rubber specialties; L. F. Fales, machinery; Lewis Manufacturing Company, cotton belting; American Adjustable Chair and Desk Company; Whitson Company, tannery; Wandell Screen Company, paper machine screens; J. B. Rooney, card clothing; H. A. Morse Company, lumber. At East Walpole are the plants of the American Glue Company; Hollingsworth & Vose, manufacturers of paper; F. W. Bird & Son, important makers of building papers and roofing materials established here so long ago as 1817. The latest published State Report on the Statistics of Labor gives as the valuation of the goods made in 1906 in Walpole, $4,718,006.00; and the wages paid in the same year as $663,433.00 to an average number of 1200 wage earners employed. The freight facilities presented by the railroads and at the several stations are adequate and admirable and Boston is the billing point. Many good sites are available near the railroad and where sidings exist or could be placed. It is estimated that the services of about two hundred living in the town could be secured for the entire year. Information as to these points, as to any factory buildings available and readily adaptable or as to desirable locations for business buildings or dwellings will be given promptly in response to any request addressed to the Town Clerk.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